CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF AN INFORMAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 1985, AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE BUNKER CONFERENCE ROOM, CENTENNIAL BUILDING, LOYOLA CAMPUS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairperson Georges Berberi called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Quorum was not achieved.

PRESENT:

Co-Presidents:

Ron Hiscox
Michael Judson

Commerce:

Elizabeth Laett (9:20)
Jenny Rice

Engineering:

Jonathan Jolivet

Arts and Science:

Maria Calderone
Milva D'Aronco
Maki Kusano
Lorne Lecker
Chris Mostovac
Heather Rerrie
Jim Schneider
Jennifer Stark
Karen Takacs

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Adrian Chomenko, Andy King, Mark Pink
Commerce: Janice Domaratzki, Shirleen Weekes
Engineering: Dan Artola, Andrew Haberl, Martin Pereira
Fine Arts: David Etherington, Ian Chuprun (W/R), Ian Fleet, Page Lopez

Advisors to the Board Present: Francois Desrosiers, External V.P.; Brian Weihs, Finance V.P.; Scott White, Student Services V.P.; Yael Lifshitz, Education V.P.

2. Approval of Agenda:

There was no agenda distributed.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 39th Meeting:

Because quorum had not been achieved, this item had to be postponed until the next meeting.

4. Chairperson's Remarks:

Chairperson Georges Berberi stated this was his first meeting as Chairperson and that he would like to run the Board in a more professional manner. He looks forward to fulfilling his position for the oncoming

semester, and should anyone require his help or assistance, they should not hesitate to ask or address themselves to him.

5. Student Services V.P. Report:

Scott White stated that he had just started in this new position and proceeded to bring the Board up to date on various aspects. At the Sir George Williams Campus, the receptionists will be moving to the front counter within the next two weeks. This will make the receptionists more accessbile to help students and should result in a more efficient operation. Typing room monitors are being hired to start in January. They will operate the typing room from 9:00 to 5:00 Mondays to Thursdays. The receptionists will manage the typing room in the evenings and on Fridays. He is looking into obtaining more typewritters for the typing room. Typing services will no longer be offered at Loyola because there is not enough student traffic there to warrant it. The photocopying service has been closed. The contract had not been signed. It was closed due to managerial problems.

6. Cusacorp - President's Report:

Lorne Severs reported that a new operations manager will be hired for the Sir George Williams Campus. This would create consistency as well as would be cost efficient. Currently, no one is being held accountable for the goings-on at the Sir George Williams Campus. Due to this, the positions of Daytime Student Managers, as well as two assistant manager positions will be eliminated. In other news, he reported that a new computer had been purchased by Cusacorp and was working very well.

Lorne Severs wanted to address the concern that the current Cusacorp Board was ruling under a "Reign of Terror". He stated expressly that this was not true--the votes are always unanimous because everyone always agrees.

Francois Desrosiers stated that someone had mentioned to him that the members of the Cusacorp Board were abusing their positions on the Board by taking priority for shifts. Lorne Severs answered that this is totally unfounded especially since the only member of the Board employed by Cusacorp is Paul Moreau.

A few members of the CUSA Board of Directors also expressed their concern over the fact that the Campus Centre never makes any money on Friday nights. Lorne Severs responded that the Campus Centre has to compete with the Guadagni Lounge, which the various associations can book at no charge and they can also sell beer at a cheaper price. The Campus Centre is unable to do that since they have their staff to pay as well as imputation charges to cover.

Milva D'Aronco raised questions concerning a "Board of Supervisors" which would oversee the running of the Campus Centre and the management company on the premises. The Co-Presidents responded that they will be dealing with this matter in their report and that the discussion of this matter will be postponed until the next meeting, at which time a copy of the tentative contract being worked on by the Co-Presidents and the University will be presented to the Board.

(9:00)

Chairperson Georges Berberi called for a ten-minute recess in the meeting.

(9:10)

Chairperson Georges Berberi called the meeting to order to continue discussion on the subject of Cusacorp. Mike Judson asked whether there was still a problem with some of the fraternities making mass bookings and then cancelling. Lorne Severs answered that all groups have the right to cancel within a certain time-frame and that this has not been a problem at all with the fraternities. Robert Gauvin reported that the fraternities do not cancel their bookings and that most groups who cancel are CUSA groups who are afraid to compete with the Guadagni Lounge.

Chris Mostovac suggested trying to cater to the CEGEPS since they do not have much space. Lorne Severs answered that this is already being done.

7. External V.P. Report:

Francois Desrosiers thanked everyone who helped with the election campaign strategy, especially Vicky Monkman, President of the Graduate Students' Association. The success was rather limited for many reasons: firstly, the time to prepare the strategy was limited, and secondly, it seems to be always the same people who do everything, i.e. the response from some of the Board members was rather limited. Francois Desrosiers referred to those Board members who attend the meetings but do not get involved in other activities. Karen Takacs suggested that the low attendance could have been due to poor publicity.

8. Appointments to University Senate:

Janis Housez (present at the meeting) was appointed by Yael Lifshitz, but could not be ratified at this meeting due to a lack of quorum.

9. Co-Presidents' Report:

a) Committee of Supervisors:

This committee would replace the Campus Centre Board which has been inactive for the last year. Ron Hiscox stated that there must be a Board comprised of University members who overlook the management company who run the Campus Centre, especially since the Campus Centre Building itself is owned by the University. Further discussion of this issue will be postponed until the next Board meeting.

b) Move to the Campus Centre:

This has been delayed because an estimate from one other contractor (which will make two bids) must be received before a work order can be obtained. Construction will begin in the new year.

c) Capital Campaign Refund Deadline:

Refunds will have to be frozen until February when the University issues its charitable tax deduction receipts for 1985 contributions. The last refund date will be December 31, 1985.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Georges Berberi, Chairperson

Sandra Cappelli, Recording Secretary